

**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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| Application Number: 09/973,512 | Confirmation Number: 6341 |
| Filing Date: October 9, 2001 | |
| First Named Inventor: Toru MINEYAMA | |
| Group Art Unit: 3622 | |
| Examiner: John W. Van Bramer | |
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: **Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise.** If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment.
 - a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____.
 - ii. Other _____.
 - b. **DO NOT ENTER** the amendment(s) previously filed on [Date(s)] _____. An alternate submission is attached.
 - c. Enclosed submission: .

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| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) | iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
 - b. Other _____
3. Fees
 - a. The filing fee is calculated as follows:
 - i. \$810.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Petition for extension of time for ([number] Months) \$[Fee]
 - iii. Other _____
 - b. Check in the amount of \$[Text] enclosed.
 - c. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

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